

Final Meeting Minutes
Command Council Meeting
Big Basin Redwoods State Park
May 26, 2005

1. Attendees

Steve Hampton	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (CDFG) - Primary Representative
Lisa Wolfe	CDFG – Legal
Charlene Andrade	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)- Primary Representative
Jennifer Boyce	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Primary Representative
Joanne Kerbavaz	California Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) – Alternate Representative
Sarah Mongano	California State Lands Commission (CSLC) – Primary Representative

2. Guests for Covid Management Project Orientation

Bill Dall	Sector Superintendent (Parks)
Portia Halbert	Big Basin Redwoods State Park
Julie Sidel	Big Basin Redwoods State Park

3. Project Updates.

- (1) *Corvid Management Project*: State Parks is implementing all tasks listed in the workplan for Big Basin, Portola, and Butano State Parks. Bill Dall communicated the full support of his agency for the project, informing us that all staff, from superintendents to docents, have been briefed and/or trained regarding the project and public education. Portia Halbert gave the Council a tour of historical murrelet nesting areas, campground garbage control systems, and a review of educational materials and procedures for the roving “crumb patrol” (staff who walk the campgrounds daily and speak with campers and picnickers). At this point, the new garbage shed and new dumpsters have yet to be installed, but should be within a few weeks. Educational materials and signs, as well as some new garbage cans, are in place. Targeted raven removal has also begun. Julie Sidel demonstrated a campfire program for the Council, including a skit with audience participation and puppets. Full implementation at Memorial County Park will be delayed due to personnel changes there. Corvid/murrelet monitoring reports for 2004 have been received. David Suddjian will continue monitoring through 2005. He will also finalize the 2003 reports (but he needs our comments again). With the Memorial Park work postponed, State Parks has sufficient funds now to cover any cost overruns this summer (e.g. due to increased equipment costs). They will prepare a budget for the following year (and documenting any changes in the workplan) in the fall.
- (2) *Girl Scout Creek Acquisition & Enhancement Project*: Discussions regarding funding logistics between NRDAR, State Parks, and Save-the-Redwoods League are continuing, with assistance from Verue-Slater and McKinley. State Parks legal council now must write a letter to NRDAR.
- (3) *Sooty Shearwater Restoration Project*: Oikonos continues with pre-project planning and education and outreach. By August, they will review their budget needs (they still have sufficient funds from a previous disbursement) and will also evaluate the proper course of action re: the weka. Oikonos would like to review the project at the next council meeting.
- (4) *Seabird Colony Protection Project*: Monitoring is underway, being implemented by the Common Murre Restoration Project/USFWS. Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) submitted a proposal to implement the project over four years, including a budget request for the coming year. USFWS needs more time to review.
- (5) *Common Murre Nesting Ledge Project on the Farallons*: A resolution and request for first year funding has been approved and the funds are being transferred. Implementation should occur this fall.

- (6) *Brown Pelican Roost Sites*: Due to uncertainty regarding the future land ownership status of the Alameda roost site, the Council will hold off on this project for this year.
- (7) *Brown Pelican Entanglement Education*: Council decided to defer work on this project until the seabird colony protection project gets off the ground, due to staffing constraints.
- (8) *Mirada Surf Enhancements*: Mongano has SLC approval to fund this project. She will prepare a resolution and workplan for the Council.
- (9) *Seal Cove Stairs*: Mongano has SLC approval to fund this project. She will prepare a resolution and workplan for the Council.
- (10) *Half Moon Bay Stairs*: This project is on hold for now, as Kerbavez is focusing time on the corvid management project first.

4. Administrative Costs and Allocations. At our next meeting we will discuss administrative fund allocations for Council members.
5. Next Meeting. Sometime in August, possibly at Seacliff with Oikonos presenting information on the shearwater project in New Zealand.
6. To do's:
 - a. Send comments on 2003 Suddjian reports to Halbert and Suddjian. Hampton
 - b. Review 2004 Suddjian reports and send comments to Hampton by July 20 All
 - c. Continue to work on Girl Scout Creek fund transfer. Kerbavez, McKinley, Verrue-Slater
 - d. Review GFNMS proposal on seabird colony protection. Andrade
 - e. Prepare resolution and workplan to fund Mirada Surf project. Mongano
 - f. Prepare resolution and workplan to fund Seal Cove Stairs project. Mongano
 - g. Prepare draft annual newsletter for council review in Aug. Boyce
 - h. Prepare cost reports (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005) for review by cost committee. All
 - i. Prepare administrative budget requests for 2005-06 fiscal year for Aug. meeting. All
 - j. Handle potential funding requests to NRDAR (associated with Seal Cove Stairs, Mirada Surf, and Seabird Colony Protection) while Hampton is on vacation. Andrade
 - k. Arrange time and place of next meeting. Andrade